is about Rs. 12.00 crores. The State Government has requested to provide 50% contribution, i.e., Rs. 6.00 crores for the said purpose.

(c) As sufficient facilities for testing quality of petroleum products are available in Gujarat, the Government is of the view that a separate set up is not required.

Mandatory sale of ethanol-doped petrol

720. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided that the sale of 5 per cent ethanol-doped petrol i.e. Gasohol would be mandatory in certain States and Union Territories from 1st January, 2003;

(b) if so, the names of such States and UTs;

(c) the estimated reduction in oil import dependency of the country as a result of above decision; and

(d) the details of the incentives proposed to be given to the sugarcane growing farmers who provide necessary ingredient for Gasohol?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The States are Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Punjab, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh and the Union Territories are Daman & Diu, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Chandigarh and Pondicherry.

(c) At the initial stage it would facilitate foreign exchange earnings through export of the quantity of hydrocarbons made surplus.

(d) The amendment in Sugar Development Fund Act 1982 facilitating financial assistance for manufacturing anhydrous ethanol and co-generation of power from bagasse, in addition to proposed reduction in excise duty on sale of 5% ethanol doped petrol would indirectly benefit the farmers.

Petrol Pumps in Gujarat

721. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of companies running their own petrol pumps in Gujarat, location-wise; and

(b) the names of persons to whom these coco pumps and jubilee pumps have been rented out during the last three years?